
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION by the Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, California has experienced numerous earthquakes, including the magnitude 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake on October 17, 1989 and the magnitude 6.7 Northridge earthquake on January 17, 1994, which resulted in the loss of life and property damage; and

WHEREAS, in the last ten years alone, major earthquakes throughout the state have combined to cause 120 deaths and an estimated \$50 billion in reported damage and losses; and

WHEREAS, most Californians live within 20 miles of a major active earthquake fault; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about earthquake safety risks in homes and workplaces and practicing the appropriate preparedness measures could greatly reduce losses from earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the statewide "Ready to Ride it Out?" campaign is designed to increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to follow before, during, and after an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, city and county emergency service offices, service organizations, educational institutions, and businesses will provide important earthquake safety information to Californians;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim April, 2001 as "California Earthquake Preparedness Month."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 2nd day of February 2001.

Gray Davis

Governor of California

Bill Jones
Secretary of State